

Approved September 7, 2011



## City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### Summary Minutes

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
Eldorado Park and Community Center  
2311 N. Miller Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Present: Chair Stan Koczka  
Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch  
Commissioner Robert Frost  
Commissioner Gene Dafoe  
Commissioner Anne Wurth  
Commissioner Alspaugh  
Commissioner Duchene

Staff Present: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director  
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Brett Jackson, Maintenance Coordinator  
Barry McGlacken, Recreation Leader III  
Mark Lescoe, Recreation Supervisor  
Sean Valier, Maintenance Worker III  
Sandy Hlebaen, Landscape Contracts Coordinator  
Lindsay Adarme, Recreation Coordinator  
Mike Ruggiero, Technology Specialist  
Lorelei Oien, Administrative Secretary

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koczka called the regular meeting to order at the Eldorado Park Community Center at 5:00 p.m.

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2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Regular Meeting, April 20, 2011

**Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve the draft summary regular meeting minutes from April 20, 2011; second by Commissioner Dafoe.**

**Vote: Minutes approved unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0). (Vice Chair Schlegelmilch arrived at 5:04 and was not present for the vote.)**

5. ELDORADO PARK GROUNDS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Sean Valier, Maintenance Worker III, and Sandy Hlebaen, Landscape Contract Coordinator, provided information on the Eldorado Park maintenance program, with highlights as follows:

In addition to Eldorado Park, the maintenance staff is responsible for Wilshire Park, Paiute Park, Paiute Neighborhood Center, Pima Park, Thomas Road Bike Stop, and the Skate Park, which include 47 acres of irrigated turf, 5,825 feet of shoreline, 23 ramadas, 11,800 reserved hours in 2010, 5 playgrounds, 3 sand volleyball courts, 4 full basketball courts, 2 tennis courts, 2 soccer fields, and 1 practice field. Staff is responsible for tree trimming, tilling the playgrounds, irrigation preventative maintenance, fertilizing the turf, and flood control.

Following the presentation the Commissioners commented and inquired about worn playground equipment, if it would be replaced, and how would it be paid for; issues that staff encounters at the skate park.

Commission requests and suggestions:

- Playground equipment replacement at Pima Park when funds become available; painting the equipment until funds are available.
- Topographical view of the parks during presentations.
- Commissioners to develop an information piece for the benefit of City Council to help them understand the costs of recreation.
- Skate park surveillance if it becomes necessary.

6. ARBOR DAY UPDATE

Brett Jackson, Maintenance Coordinator, provided a recap of Arbor Day activities which took place on April 8, 2011, at the Soleri Bridge and Plaza where five 36" box desert museum Palo versed were planted. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Scottsdale has been designated a "Tree City USA", and the 19<sup>th</sup> year that Scottsdale has received the "Tree City USA Growth Award". Mr. Jackson went on to explain Tree City USA Standards and Growth Award Standards.

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## 7. MOUNTAIN VIEW/CACTUS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager, provided an overview of the combined maintenance operation at Mountain View and Cactus.

In addition to Cactus Park, maintenance staff is responsible for Mescal and Northsight Parks for a combined 46 acres that include lighted sand volleyball courts, playgrounds, ramadas, 2 lighted basketball courts, lighted tennis courts, open grass areas, and a lighted equestrian arena. Mountain View maintenance staff is also responsible for Rotary Park and Mustang Library and Low Flow for a combined 28 acres that includes 3 soccer fields, lighted softball field, 2 lighted tennis courts, playgrounds, sand volleyball, ramadas, open grass areas, a fitness trail and walking path.

Following the presentation, Commissioners commented and made inquiries about Mescal Park and equestrian activities; the number of dogs that are off leash at Rotary Park; Rotary Plaza; Northsight Park; staff reductions over the last two years.

## 8. MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN RANCH PARK AND AQUATIC ANNUAL UPDATE

Lindsay Adarme, Recreation Coordinator, presented the annual update of programs, services and amenities at McDowell Mountain Ranch (MMR) and included attendance statistics, program highlights, facility improvements and special events. Ms. Adarme also reported that fitness center attendance has increased 71% since 2007 and skate park attendance has increased 56% since 2009.

Following the presentation, Commissioners commented and made inquiries about similarities of issues between the skate park at MMR and the Wedge at Eldorado; the condition of the soccer fields; purchasing vs. leasing the exercise equipment in the gym; the revenue received from MMR goes into the general fund; parking availability; deep water aerobics.

Commission requests and suggestions:

- Consider early morning lap swim start time of 5:30 a.m. (instead of 6:00).

## 9. ELDORADO PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY UPDATE

Barry McGlacken, Assistance Recreation Coordinator provided an overview of Eldorado Park Community Center, which includes one soccer field, three softball fields, two playgrounds, one sand volleyball court, Wedge Skate Park, 5k course, gym, seven outdoor reservable ramadas, nine outdoor nonreservable ramadas, and a reservable community room and kitchen. Mr. McGlacken also reported significant increases in leisure education classes, facility usage, and the teen and citizen drop in rates at the community center; building attendance was down slightly, but park, ballpark, and skate park attendance was up.

Following the presentation, Commissioners commented and made inquiries about the increase in leisure education activities; corporate partners; participants of 'Old Timers' Reunion; toddler aged playgrounds; shade structures over playground areas.

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Commission requests and suggestions:

- Notify Commission when leisure education cannot make a class offering because there is not enough available space to do so.

#### 10. COMMISSIONER REPORT

The commissioners reported on the events and activities they have attended, and parks they have visited since the last commission meeting on April 20, 2011.

#### 11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Commission on the status of upcoming events, activities and the budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

#### 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei Oien  
Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,  
Janice M. Cameron  
Director, Parks and Recreation